(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The suggestions received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh have been incorporated in the draft Bill to replace the Seeds Act.

(e) The draft Bill has been sent to the Legislative Department, Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs, for vetting.

Encouragement for production of wheat and paddy

1060. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land under cultivation of wheat, paddy, oilseeds, pulses and other coarse foodgrains including vegetables and fruits in the country during each of the last two years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the farmers in various States have shown interest in production of other crops instead of wheat and paddy;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage the farmers to produce wheat and paddy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)i(a)The State/Union Territory-wise area under cultivation of wheat, paddy, oilseed, pulses and coarse cereals during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 is given in Statement-I.The area under vegetables and fruits for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given in Statement-II. (See below)

(b) to (d) It may be seen from Statement-I that at All-India level, there is a decline in area coverage both under wheat and paddy in 2000-01 compared to 1999-2000. The position is however different for different States as there is an increase in area coverage both under wheat and paddy in certain States, and a decline in certain other States mainly due to aberrant weather conditions. However, there is a long-term increase in area coverage both under wheat and paddy during the decade of nineties. The annual compound growth rate of area coverage during the decade of nineties under wheat and paddy was 1.67% and 0.62% respectively.

Statement-I

State-wise area under some important crops/Group of Crops for the Years 1999-2000 and2000-01

States	Wheat		Paddy		Oilseeds*		Pulses		Coarse Cereals	
	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01
Andhra Pradesh	13.5	10.6	4014.2	4027.7	2566.2	2675.6	1644.9	1797.1	1465.4	1451.0
Arunachai Pradesh	3.9	3.8	122.7	119.4	25.5	24.8	4.9	6.2	55.4	54.2
Assam	76.0	70.3	2646.0	2674.9	322.1	310.4	116.0	111.5	31.0	30.8
Bihar	2144.5	2107.5	5001.8	3671.4	216.1	171.0	865.3	780.0	886.5	693.6
Jharkhand"	—	63.7	—	1481.0	—	50.1	—	116.3	—	175.0
Goa	—	—	56.7	57.2	1.3	1.8	10.2	10.8	1.2	0.7
Gujarat	482.1	286.1	664.4	653.0	2799.4	2695.0	700.4	634.7	1569.4	1574.1
Haryana	2317.0	2349.0	1083.0	1049.0	463.0	453.5	133.4	111.9	754.0	781.0
Himachal Pradesh	370.6	378.2	80.2	81.5	19.4	18.9	31.5	35.1	341.0	341.7
Jammu & Kashmir	245.7	276.8	250.6	244.1	75.9	70.4	28.8	31.2	355.8	355.7
Karnataka	261.3	266.0	1449.8	1482.0	1982.4	2197.8	1920.5	2061.0	4034.3	3981.0
Kerala	—	—	349.7	347.5	9.5	8.8	24.0	22.1	5.2	6.2
Madhya Pradesh	4661.5	2687.7	5354.2	1674.0	5916.2	5612.5	4938.0	3324.0	2649.9	2160.1
	—	65.7	—	3597.6	—	275.5	—	563.4	—	342.3
	1049.1	754.2	1519.8	1513.4	2739.6	2523.3	3597.7	3552.8	7470.0	7499.3
	—	—	157.1	160.6	2.6	2.3	0.0	0.0	4.3	3.6
	4.3	4.3	106.4	102.6	9.3	8.7	6.2	4.6	19.4	*in*.7

States	Wheat		Paddy		Oilseeds *		Pulses		Coarse Cereals	
	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01
Mizoram	—	—	49.7	51.9	7.2	7.2	4.1	2.4	5.5	6.6
Nagaland	5.0	3.4	148.5	146.1	43.0	36.3	17.0	17.4	45.0	43.6
Orissa	5.9	8.8	4601.8	4433.7	342.5	277.3	684.0	604.3	196.0	197.8
Punjab	3388.0	3408.0	2604.0	2611.0	104.7	87.4	66.0	59.0	198.0	202.0
Rajasthan	2650.2	2309.6	200.2	166.3	3635.4	2645.7	2473.1	2374.8	5629.8	6508.2
Sikkim	8.1	7.2	15.9	15.2	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.1	47.6	47.6
Tamil Nadu	0.0	0.1	2163.6	2113.3	998.8	1056.0	860.4	745.9	804.4	1076.6
Tripura	1.3	1.1	232.2	241.1	6.2	6.3	7.5	10.1	1.3	1.6
Uttar Pradesh	9399.7	9169.5	6080.0	5838.8	1479.4	1395.4	2685.9	2679.3	2696.6	2413.9
Uttaranchal**	—	379.0	—	312.7	—	22.0	—	28.5	—	288.1
West Bengal	364.2	426.0	6150.4	5435.2	502.9	599.6	275.4	322.3	59.2	57.1
A & N Islands	—	—	10.6	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.0
D&NHaveli	0.6	0.3	13.2	13.8	0.1	0.1	5.9	4.3	2.1	2.2
Delhi	33.5	31.4	8.1	6.1	2.7	4.8	0.4	0.6	11.5	12.0
Daman & Diu	—	—	1.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0	**0.6**
Pondicherry	—	—	25.4	26.1	1.0	1.3	5.8	5.8	0.3	0.3
All India	27486.0	25068.3	451617	44331.1	242824	232498	211162	200261	29340.1	30327.6

* Includes nine oilseeds viz., Groundnut, Sesamum, Castorseed, Nigerseed, Soyabean, Sunflower, Rapeseed & Mustard,
* Linseed and Safflower.

** Separate estimates for the newly carved out States available only from 2000-01.

Statement-II

State-wise area under vegetables and fruits for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000

(Thousand hectares)

State	Vegetables		Fruits	
	1998-99	1999-2000	1998-99	1999-2000
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	249.3	230.1	378.6	449.2
Arunachal Pradesh	16.7	16.9	29.7	44.1
Assam	245.9	255.9	104.8	106.1
Bihar	616.6	626.0	303.6	309.3
Delhi	45.5	45.7	0.1	0.1
Goa	7.6	7.6	11.6	12.3
Gujarat	189.9	201.0	163.0	176.2
Haryana	120.0	135.0	26.2	28.6
Himachal Pradesh	45.8	40.6	207.1	196.6
Jammu & Kashmir	'41.2	41.4	136.2	133.0
Karnataka	309.7	361.6	314.6	315.0
Kerala	159.7	159.7	233.1	187.8
Madhya Pradesh	234.0	258.7	63.1	67.4
Maharashtra	341.2	385.3	436.1	539.9
Manipur	8.5	9.0	23.8	24.6
Meghalaya	36.6	29.2	23.2	26.9
Mizoram	8.4	8.3	16.4	13.0
Nagaland	15.1	20.9	11.3	19.4
Orissa	883.9'	788.1	249.4	204.9
Punjab	117.1	135.4	93.2	30.1
Rajasthan	99.3	98.7	21.2	20.0
Sikkim	9.4	9.6	9.5	5.9
Tamil Nadu	206.7	209.1	213.5	232.0

1	2	3	4	5
Tripura	18.4	18.4	30.4	30.4
Uttar Pradesh (Hills)	91.5	81.9	187.9	172.5
Uttar Pradesh (Plains)	640.7	688.9	305.2	315.1
West Bengal	1100.0	1122.3	128.0	130.2
Andaman & Nicobar	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.7
Chandigarh	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.7
Daman & Diu	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4
Lakshadweep	—	0.3	0.3	0.4
Pondicherry	2.2	2.6	0.8	0.9
All India	5866.0	5993.0	3726.8	3796.8

Inclusion of cold and heat waves under CRF/NCCF

1061. SHFfl B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of% AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prescribed a set of norms and items of expenditure for assistance out of the Calamity Relief Fund/National Calamity Contingency Fund, to mitigate distress conditions of the people emerging due to cold wave and heat wave conditions experienced by the States;

(b) whether the Orissa Government has made a proposal for inclusion of the "Heat Wave and Cold Wave" as State specific subject for incurring expenditure out of CRF/NCCF; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal and the time by which the approval of the Centre would be accorded in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The items and norms of assistance for expenditure out of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), in the wake of natural calamities, have been circulated. This is, however, not admissible for cold and heat waves, as they are not one of the natural calamities recommended by the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC).